

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN MORTON HALL, MAIN STREET, NEWMILNS**

PRESENT: Councillors James Raymond, Harry Wilson, Finlay MacLean and Robert McDill; Community Representatives Andrew Nisbet, Bill Pattison, Evelyn Mair, George Dalziel, Jim Crossan and Richard Chalton; and Named Substitutes Jessie Graham, Hugh McLelland, Catherine Brown, Gerard Cassidy and Frank Donnelly.

ATTENDING: Anne Currie, Assistant Area Manager (Housing); Charles Woodward, Museums and Arts Manager (Community Services); Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer (Community Services); Marion McLellan, Policy Officer (Housing); Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer (Corporate Services); Tom Merry, Senior Policy Adviser (Development Services); and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer (Corporate Services).

ALSO ATTENDING: Chief Inspector Colin Campbell, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillor David Macrae; Community Representatives Nancy Mair and Isobel Loudon; and Named Substitute Janice Cameron.

CHAIR: Councillor James Raymond, Chair

SCOTTISH WATER AND SEWERAGE CUSTOMERS COUNCIL - LIAISON WITH DECENTRALISED LOCAL AUTHORITIES

1. It was reported and noted that the planned 10/15 minute presentation due to be given by the Council on its services had been postponed, and would now take place at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours to allow for a fifteen minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting was reconvened at 1410 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives, Named Substitutes and Officers present and in attendance.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES/SUBSTITUTES: UPDATE
(Item 5, Page 225 99/02)**

4. It was reported that since the last meeting:-
 - (i) Jessie Graham had been nominated as the Substitute Representative for Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council to replace Archie Townsley who had retired from the Community Council; and
 - (ii) that Richard Chalton and Michelle Lamb had been nominated as the Youth Representative and Substitute respectively by Loudoun Academy. It was

further reported that Darvel Community Council now had nominated Frank Donnelly as the Substitute Representative.

It was agreed to appoint to the Committee the above nominees.

INCREASED REPRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THE IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

5. There was submitted a report dated 22 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which invited the Local Committee to consider whether they wished to seek the authority of the Policy and Resources Committee to relax the maximum number of Community Representatives currently permitted to serve on the Irvine Valley Local Committee to allow representation from Crookedholm Community Association, and should they wish the Policy and Resources Committee to consider such a relaxation to consider the basis on which that Committee was being asked to consider the request.

It was agreed to seek the authority of the Policy and Resources Committee to relax the number of 10 Community Representatives permitted to serve on the Local Committee to allow representation from Crookedholm Community Association on the basis that:-

- (i) Crookedholm had a small population compared to Hurlford and consequently the Community Representatives and Substitutes nominated to serve on the Local Committee from Hurlford and Crookedholm Community Council would most likely be drawn from Hurlford; and
- (ii) although the Community Council Representative represented both Hurlford and Crookedholm, the village of Crookedholm had retained its own identity as a separate village.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6. There was submitted and noted Minutes (circulated) of the meeting of the Irvine Valley Local Committee held on 25 August 1999.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 1999/2000

7. There was submitted a report dated 22 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which outlined the financial position in respect of grants received for the financial year 1999/2000 together with a summary statement relating to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

It was agreed:-

- 7.1 **APPLICATIONS APPROVED** (for the purpose as specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Conservation/History
Galston Parish Church - £4,500

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

8. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding six week period, and advised of forthcoming initiatives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the report given by Chief Inspector Colin Campbell;
- (ii) arising from discussion of this report, to receive a report at a future meeting, by the Director of Community Services on the legalities of re-instating headstones in cemeteries, with particular reference to Riccarton Cemetery following a report on the project which had been initiated in respect of Galston Cemetery; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

HOUSING NEEDS ANALYSIS

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which informed of the results of the Housing Needs Survey.

CLEANING OF WAR MEMORIALS

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which advised the Committee of the current position and proposals regarding the cleaning of war memorials in the Irvine Valley.

LOCAL ITEMS

11. The Committee identified the following issues as potential local items which could become the subject of a future report to the Committee:-
- (i) drugs awareness; and
 - (ii) maintenance of war memorials in the Irvine Valley.

IRVINE VALLEY COMMUNITY FORUM

12. It was reported and noted that the next Irvine Valley Community Forum would take place on Tuesday 2 November 1999 at 1900 hours in Hurlford Primary School (Dining Hall). The Council item under discussion would be the Millennium and the local item A71 Road Safety Improvement in the Irvine Valley.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.